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**Mail Stop Issue Fee**

Re: Allowed U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 10/697,289; Filed: October 31, 2003  
For: **Coupling of Signals Between Adjacent Functional Blocks in an Integrated Circuit Chip**  
Inventors: CATALASAN *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1875.4360005

Sir:

In response to the **Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due** dated February 14, 2006, the following documents are forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Issue Fee Transmittal (Form PTOL-85B);
2. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) for \$1,709.00 to cover:  
\$1,400.00 Issue Fee;  
\$9.00 Advance copies of patent;  
\$300.00 Publication Fee;
3. Submission of Drawings;
4. 42 sheets of Replacement drawings (Figures 1-2, 3A-3C, 4, 5A-5B, 6, 7A-7D, 8A-8B, 9A-9D, 10A-10B, 11A-11D, 12A-12D, 13-14, 15A-15D, 16, 17A-17C, 18A-18C, 19A-19C, 20A-20C, 21A-21C, 22-23, 24A-24B, 25, 26A-26D, 27A-27B, 28-29, 30A-30D, 31A-31D, 32A-32B, 33A-33B, 34A-34B, 35, 36A-36B and 37A-37b), approval of which is respectfully requested; and
5. Return postcard.

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Submitted herewith are 42 sheets of Replacement drawings with Figures 1-2, 3A-3C, 4, 5A-5B, 6, 7A-7D, 8A-8B, 9A-9D, 10A-10B, 11A-11D, 12A-12D, 13-14, 15A-15D, 16, 17A-17C, 18A-18C, 19A-19C, 20A-20C, 21A-21C, 22-23, 24A-24B, 25, 26A-26D, 27A-27B, 28-29, 30A-30D, 31A-31D, 32A-32B, 33A-33B, 34A-34B, 35, 36A-36B and 37A-37b, corresponding to the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawings are provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of the drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required, other than any already provided herewith. However, if an extension of time is needed to prevent abandonment of the application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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